

**Connecticut Department of Transportation
Project No. 131-197
Bridge No. 01247 (I-84 WB over Abandoned B&M Railroad)
Southington, CT
Public Informational Meeting**

**Thursday, May 17, 2012, 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers, Southington, CT**

Present:

Connecticut Department of Transportation

Timothy Fields, P.E. – Project Manager (Bridge)

Michelle Lynch, P.E. – Project Engineer (Bridge)

Derrick P. Ireland. – Property Agent 2 (Rights of Way)

Consulting Engineers

Richard Ezyk, P.E. – STV, Inc.

Jagdeesh Gopal, P.E. – GM2 Associates, Inc.

Public

Mr. Arthur Cyr

Presentation:

A presentation was delivered by Ms. Michelle Lynch from the Department, and Mr. Jagdeesh Gopal of STV Inc. Ms. Lynch introduced Department and Project Consultant Engineer representatives to the Public and explained the reasons and need for the project. Mr Gopal explained the content of the proposed project as follows:

- The project involves the rehabilitation of Bridge No. 01247 which carries three 12-foot travel lanes and one 14-foot ramp lane of traffic on I-84 Westbound over Abandoned Railroad.
- The existing bridge, which was built in 1960 and rehabilitated in 1980 and 1996, is in need of rehabilitation due to the poor condition of the concrete bridge deck and superstructure.
- The proposed project consists of repairing the concrete bridge deck and replacing the deck joints.
- Additional repairs to the superstructure will include steel repairs, bearing replacement, and painting.
- The guiderail will also be replaced on the approaches.
- The recommended rehabilitation will be completed using temporary lane closures during off peak hours.
- No impacts to private property are anticipated. Access will be from John Weichsel Crossing. A construction easement from DEEP is required to access the underside of the bridge.

- Construction will begin in the spring of 2014 and be completed in one construction season.
- The estimated construction cost for this project is approximately \$1,800,000.
- There are no known wetlands or other regulated areas within the project limits.
- Standard protocol for bridge painting will be followed and best management practices will be utilized to handle sedimentation control during construction.

Public Comments and Questions:

- A general clarification on the extent of the repairs to the steel and bearings were asked. GM2 answered that the ends of the steel were being repaired and the whole structure will be painted. GM2 also mentioned that the existing bearings will be replaced with elastomeric bearings.
- Mr. Cyr also mentioned a future rails to trails project in the project area. The proposed bridge rehabilitation project should be complete prior to the construction of the rails to trails project.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.